The Member suggested that all Magistrates and Police officers not below the rank of a Sub-Inspector should be empowered to find out and prosecute cases of breaches of the Regulation.

Dewan's reply.—The Member's suggestions will be referred to the District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police for report.

(2) Criminal Justice.

31. Need for modifying the territorial jurisdiction of the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Warkala.

Mr. K. N. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Chirayinkil taluk) said that the magisterial jurisdiction over the *pakuthies* of Sarkara, Chirayinkil and Azhur was now vested in the Stationary Magistrate at Warkala. The people of those *pakuthies* had to pass through Attingal before they got to Warkala and they were put to much inconvenience in consequence. The same difficulty was also experienced by the inhabitants of Manambur and Kadakavur *pakuthies*. He suggested that all the five *pakuthies* might be added to the jurisdiction of the Attingal Taluk Magistrate; but if it should be considered that the proposal would tend to unduly increase the work of the latter, he prayed that the *pakuthies* of Sarkara, Chirayinkil and Azhur might at least be transferred to the Taluk Magistrate. The arrangement proposed would, he added, fit in with the division of the taluk into groups for the election of members to the Assembly.

Dewan's reply.—The Member's remarks will be referred to the District Magistrate, Trivandrum, for remarks.

32. The desirability of establishing a First Class Magistrate's Court at Meenachil.

Mr. Oolahannan Oolahannan (Member, Meenachil taluk) pointed out that Meenachil was a hilly taluk with very little facilities of communication and that the people of the taluk experienced great difficulty in going to distant Kottayam in connection with the cases on the file of the Kottayam First Class Magistrate. The Magistrates of Vycome, Muvattupuzha, Changanacherri, Shertallai and Kanjirapalli, who were originally under the jurisdiction of the Kottayam First Class Magistrate, had been empowered to deal with and dispose of first class cases. He therefore requested that the office of the Additional Division Assistant at Kottayam be abolished and a First Class Magistrate's Court established at Meenachil. If that was not possible, he prayed that the Taluk Magistrate of Meenachil be invested with first class magisterial powers.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

33. The need for establishing a First Class Magistrate's Court at Perumbavoor.

Mr. Ittoop Ittiachan (Member, Kunnatnad taluk) said that the Kunnatnad taluk was more than 50 miles distant from Kottayam, the headquarters of the Division, and that the people of the taluk, who had to go to Kottayam in connection with revenue and criminal cases pending disposal before the First Class Magistrate or the Division Assistant, had to undergo great hardship and expense. He added that the establishment of an Additional Assistant at Kottayam, apart from relieving the permanent Division Assistant of an amount of his work, did not in any way contribute to the convenience or comfort of the people of the northern taluks of the division. Perumbavoor was situated equidistant from the taluks of Parur, Alengad, Muvattupuzha and Thodupuzha and the establishment of a First Class Magistrate's Court there would be beneficial to the people of all the taluks concerned. He therefore requested that a First Class Magistrate's Court be established at Perumbavoor and the Magistrate empowered to hear and dispose of criminal appeals and also invested with the powers of a Division Assistant in revenue matters. If the above proposal be deemed inexpedient, he said that one of the three First Class Magistrates' Courts at Kottayam might be shifted to Perumbavoor.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, will be asked to report on the Member's representation.

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